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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as shown below.

<u>In the Specification:</u>

At page 2, line 14, please delete "Bloomberg PowerMatch$^{SM}$" and replace it with -- BLOOMBERG POWERMATCH$^®$ (a registered service mark of Bloomberg L.P.)--.

At page 2, line 16-17, please delete "Bloomberg PowerMatch$^{SM}$" and replace it with --BLOOMBERG POWERMATCH$^®$--.

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At page 17, lines 11-12, please delete "Bloomberg PowerMatch$^{SM}$" and replace it with --BLOOMBERG POWERMATCH$^®$--.

At page 17, line 12, please delete the second occurrence of "PowerMatch$^{SM}$" and replace it with --BLOOMBERG POWERMATCH$^®$--.

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